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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for
Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminarily, please amend the subject patent application as described below.

In the Specification:

Please insert the following statement directly after the title:

Government Support

The present invention was made with Government Support under National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Extramural Grant No. 1 R43 AI39906-01 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service. The Government retains certain rights in the invention.

Please amend the title of the invention to "Ubiquitin Fusion-Based Vaccine System."

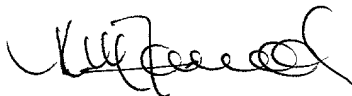
In the Claims:

Cancel Claims 1-75, 80-83, 86, and 94-100.

REMARKS

In light of the above amendment, consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested. Please charge any deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0130.

Respectfully submitted,



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